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Federal library grants expand services to library patrons

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced the release of \$3.3 million in federal Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) grants, commending libraries for writing grant proposals that improve the quality of life in their local communities.

“These federal grants help our libraries provide resources and services that improve educational, economic, and quality of life resources for all Wisconsin residents,” Burmaster said. “Libraries are our statewide knowledge network, ensuring that all the people of Wisconsin have the broadest possible access to the information resources and materials they need for lifelong learning.”

Grants that supported technology improvements represented the largest allocation of LSTA funds. Since March 2003, all Wisconsin public libraries offer Internet access and 96 percent of the state’s 387 public libraries have high-speed access to the Internet. Libraries also planned a variety of other projects, including those that improve adult, family, and early literacy; provide services for senior citizens and others with disabilities; and enhance resource sharing throughout the state. The Lakeshore Library System’s “Library Services for Latinos” helped member library staff acquire Spanish-language skills, resulting in increased use of public libraries by the Latino community. The outreach project has served as a model for other Latino community outreach efforts in Wisconsin.

New projects this year encourage library card sign-up activities and digitization of library materials of unique or special interest, such as local history, plat books, and old photographs. These digitized materials will be made available on-line through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries State of Wisconsin Collection.

The Department of Public Instruction Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning administers Wisconsin’s yearly LSTA allocation through the Institute of Museum and Library

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Services, a federal agency responsible for strengthening museums and libraries. The Wisconsin 2004 LSTA Advisory Committee reviewed all grant applications and made recommendations on grant awards for projects to take place from January through December 2005.

Members serving on the LSTA committee in 2004 were:

- Rebecca Berger, Door County Library Service;
- Walter Burkhalter, Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System;
- Anne Iwata, Wisconsin Department of Administration;
- Mindy LaBonte King, Health Sciences Library, St. Michael's Hospital, Stevens Point;
- Sandra Lockett, Milwaukee Public Library;
- Jessica MacPhail, Racine Public Library;
- Fred Marini, Melrose-Mindoro School District;
- Ida Nemec, Plum Lake Public Library;
- Rhonda Puntney, Lakeshores Library System;
- David Polodna, Winding Rivers Library System;
- Kathleen Setter, Deer Park Public Library;
- Veronica Thompson, Rufus King High School, Milwaukee;
- Edward Van Gemert, University of Wisconsin-Madison Memorial Library.

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ATTACHMENT: The list of Library Services and Technology Act grant awards for 2005 follows.

Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning

Library Services and Technology Act

Wisconsin Grant Awards — 2005

Arrowhead Library System (Headquarters: Janesville)		Total Awarded	\$68,501
Arrowhead Library System	Edgerton Public Library Joins SIRSI Consortium		\$15,000
Arrowhead Library System	Literacy Coalitions Build Bridges with Spanish Speaking Families		\$21,650
Arrowhead Library System	Seniors with Special Needs—Reaching Out, Bringing In		\$12,400
Arrowhead Library System	Training Staff of System Libraries		\$11,600
Evansville, Eager Free Public Library	Providing Library Services to Senior Citizens with Special Needs		\$2,200
Janesville, Hedberg Public Library	Digitization of Janesville's Past		\$5,651
Eastern Shores Library System (Headquarters: Sheboygan)		Total Awarded	\$24,180
Eastern Shores Library System	Promoting Lakeview and Oscar Grady Libraries		\$6,200
Eastern Shores Library System	Serving Those Who Care for Persons with Alzheimer's		\$4,180
Eastern Shores Library System	Wide Area Network Access for 2005		\$13,800
Indianhead Federated Library System (Headquarters: Eau Claire)		Total Awarded	\$81,700
Indianhead Library System	Expanding MORE		\$30,000
Indianhead Library System	System Technology Projects		\$42,200
Menomonie Public Library	Project LOOP Menomonie—Menomonie Public Library		\$7,388
Menomonie Public Library	Project Smart Card—Menomonie		\$2,112
Kenosha County Library System (Headquarters: Kenosha)		Total Awarded	\$24,195
Kenosha Public Library	Additional Web Catalog (GeoWeb) Licenses		\$10,500
Kenosha Public Library	Family Literacy Outreach		\$13,695
Lakeshores Library System (Headquarters: Waterford)		Total Awarded	\$80,797
Burlington Public Library	Services to Seniors: Expanding Their World through the Library		\$5,452
Delavan, Aram Public Library	READ—READ—READ!		\$5,320
Lake Geneva Public Library	"Images of Lake Geneva"		\$2,250
Lakeshores Library System	Homebound Delivery and Services for Seniors with Special Needs		\$10,450
Lakeshores Library System	Libraries and Literacy: Services for Spanish Speakers		\$29,525
Lakeshores Library System	Technology Projects		\$17,800
Racine Public Library	Library Card Sign-up		\$10,000
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (Headquarters: Manitowoc)		Total Awarded	\$33,513
Manitowoc Public Library	Manitowoc Local History Photograph Collection Digitization		\$5,642
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	Library Cards for Kindergartners		\$7,688
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	Library Services to Patrons at the End of Life		\$9,983
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	T1 Lines for Libraries		\$10,200
Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System (Headquarters: Mayville)		Total Awarded	\$106,400
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	Shared Automation Project, 2005		\$85,000
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	Technology Projects, 2005		\$21,400
Milwaukee County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Milwaukee)		Total Awarded	\$132,980
Milwaukee County Library System	Licensing of Online Database—2005		\$47,900
Milwaukee Public Library	Books2Go—Family Literacy		\$42,000
Milwaukee Public Library	Books2Go—Libros Para Llevar		\$33,080
Milwaukee Public Library	Go Back to School with a Library Card		\$10,000

Nicolet Federated Library System (Headquarters: Green Bay)		Total Awarded	\$45,694
Brown County Library	Library Cards and Library Visits for Diverse Families		\$9,994
Nicolet Library System	System Technology Project 2005—Gale Database Support		\$35,700
Northern Waters Library Service (Headquarters: Ashland)		Total Awarded	\$80,756
Northern Waters Library Service	Delivery Services		\$15,000
Northern Waters Library Service	Library Card Sign-up and Promotion Project		\$10,000
Northern Waters Library Service	Technology Expansion Project		\$29,900
Shell Lake Public Library	FREE @ Your Library		\$6,193
Shell Lake Public Library	Words on Wheels		\$10,363
Spooner Memorial Library	Traveling Librarian		\$9,300
Outagamie Waupaca Library System (Headquarters: Appleton)		Total Awarded	\$32,862
Appleton Public Library	Appleton Digitization of Plat Books, 2005		\$1,412
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Reaching People for Whom English is a Learned Language		\$14,650
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Support for OWLSnet Online Databases		\$16,800
South Central Library System (Headquarters: Madison)		Total Awarded	\$204,193
Dane County Library Service	Let's Grow Together Literacy Project		\$9,418
DeForest Area Public Library	Brain Research-based Activities for In-Need Children		\$22,828
Madison Public Library	Playing to Learn, Learning to Play		\$23,547
South Central Library System	1,2,3 ... Read with Me		\$34,500
South Central Library System	Delivery Services		\$61,600
South Central Library System	Technology Projects, 2005		\$52,300
Southwest Wisconsin Library System (Headquarters: Fennimore)		Total Awarded	\$46,850
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Get It & Use It @ the Library!		\$10,000
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	System Technology Project—T-1 Data Lines		\$17,400
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Teens Read: Reaching At-Risk Teens		\$19,450
Waukesha County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Waukesha)		Total Awarded	\$121,450
Waukesha County Library System	Creating Wireless Hotspots in Member Libraries		\$21,500
Waukesha County Library System	Elders and Caregivers Using Services Everywhere—Especially Libraries!		\$14,950
Waukesha County Library System	Merging of Two Shared Automation Systems		\$85,000
Winding Rivers Library System (Headquarters: La Crosse)		Total Awarded	\$93,000
Winding Rivers Library System	WAN Development and Maintenance, 2005		\$28,000
Winding Rivers Library System	WRLSWEB Expansion, 2005		\$65,000
Winnefox Library System (Headquarters: Oshkosh)		Total Awarded	\$73,381
Fond du Lac Public Library	Local History Digitization Project		\$1,000
Oshkosh Public Library	Oshkosh Atlases and Histories		\$3,581
Winnefox Library System	Shared System, 2005		\$45,000
Winnefox Library System	Winnefox Technology, 2005		\$23,800
Wisconsin Valley Library Service (Headquarters: Wausau)		Total Awarded	\$61,117
Marathon County Public Library	Educational and Lifelong Learning Facilities		\$1,067
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Internet Server, Router Reconfiguration, and ADA		\$34,100
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Library Services for Seniors with Special Needs		\$25,950
State-Level / Statewide Projects		Total Awarded	\$2,025,531